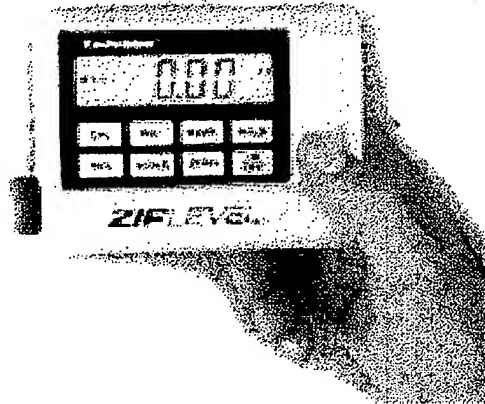


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Dear Ms. Goodwyn,

This letter is to inform you that Form PTO/SB/66 is being resubmitted with the signature of the original patentee, Dennis L. Vories P.E., per your instructions. We respectfully request that you reconsider our Petition in light of this corrected submission. Accordingly, we will not be submitting form PTO/SB/96.

Form PTO-2038 is also attached for the requisite \$400 fee per your letter dated 03 December 2012.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Regards,

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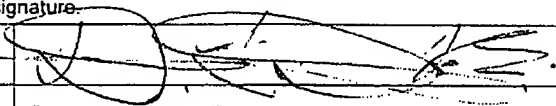
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MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g)) The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition.				
STATEMENT THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THE DELAY IN PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE TO THIS PATENT WAS UNINTENTIONAL				
PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED				
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Signature		Date (YYYY-MM-DD) 2013-01-04
Name	Dennis L. Vorles P.E.	
<p>This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.378(c). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. This form can only be used when in conjunction with EFS-Web. If this form is mailed to the USPTO, it may cause delays in reinstating the patent.</p>		

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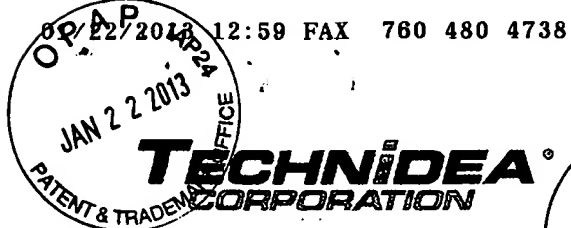
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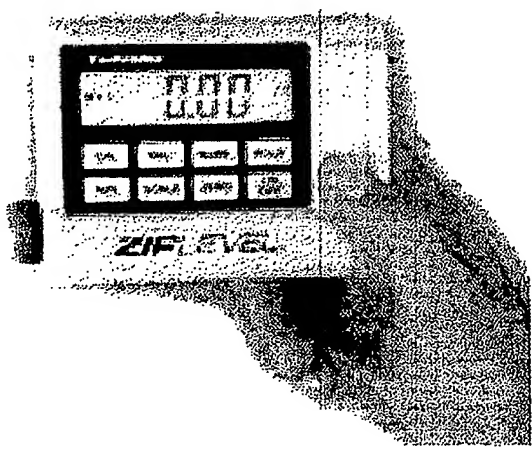


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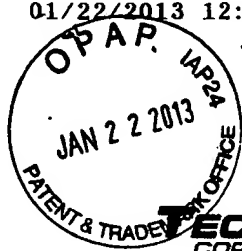
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The following document is being resubmitted to you for your unofficial review per your instructions to me in our last phone conversation earlier this month. As a reminder, this copy of the petition is signed by the original patentee. Accordingly, we will not be submitting form PTO/SB/96.

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